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一、唇唇八根人切的有ならる住民にはえいったとはない日本 行、在まれて、村田できることにするけ、前本のこけ の原性長(公領諸は成二於と心」は人日本行三周とう、南上清 衛行、高国で田服書と心配はないかっこうかで十十十八十 相言一字及行為仍犯什么比如此不得有一次人以我才 八次の前一角とう、日下部本の中かりりろ 内屋南西一般人女者者一不情取視一就三日下題書 調本四中于一个人法職人一般一見記言 るする大街人多様、未ぞ人手よま不るないがあるる 数一地保書、既一然してり所問はきと手をはいるうちか

新聞後是 /HIGASHIKUNI/ テラー/DICLER/将軍八本日東人通前首前一部該一部 幸るり下記書の間ので取いれて記信を与所合國計問 記者軍諸的、ほは軍不也構御蘇被、将失犯了顧言 多满了文光图子室·解合图的官员十一合同见于果仙頭中上行之、東文爾)領域大臣官銀下八回務題以 スコトかまますわいりコトラはより事人はいしてはいいろ、ままてい まするというでのした月十八日ノ新聞命日見以来既不安 トナデキタ、你見問(之三国とう、いれは御みのは、こと)こはえい 同なる一書は南ラバテ御是附の上いいなけんなるとうなける *

太子好不面未閱告軍場司令部先外后 一九四五年十月八日午午回時三の一万

東合國 通信員はない 回答

安年大解かと、デリートランプ注明情真正同の

海軍中財車化一名、職務期行官上,所謂了官子的馬馬子房三服报「女下召了在事子以下在鄉中不写一個為你以了有多人的一個是他做下了一個事子會是讓不完在了一次者就不可不得會問口,你不過以了了一一至一個一個是食糧了職了了一個學問,不明一日在一次是你一个在國情事中有時軍大部門了了一次可以一次的人的一个在國情事生有時軍大部門子的一个一次是你一个在國情事工程所不好的一个一次是他們有人不可以一定在學人

以下次員

今署名すらうでして、陸下記抄三九四年十一月入り、東京時間午前十一年三十一時三四古で、心トトラト、陛下衙了解すかしこちてりである。心とうこと、陛下衙了解すかしこちてりてる。高久作戰麼行ら与り米國政府或力行動問始前、同とう、一麼行許過一十八報を見及とて下ろとかいりずする「真珠馬公果前右攻張計画」が一下のある。

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Certified True Copy /s/ Glenn D. Trump, Capt., Inf.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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Public Relations Office

PRESS RELEASE

1630 8 Oct 45

General Diller today received the following letter from the private secretary of Ex-Prime Minister Higashi-kuni;

. Dear Sirt

May I take the liberty to request your good offices in having the following message transmitted to the members of the Allied press corps:

His Imperial Highness Prime Minister Prince Higashi-kuni regrets very deeply that owing to the extreme pressure of state duties he has been unable to keep his meeting with the Allied correspondents as scheduled the week just past.

Upon going out of office, Him Highness wishes to send in writing his replies to questions (for which places see the attached) which have been pending since the press conference on 18 September.

Replies to Allied Correspondents

- 1. Regarding the investigation of cases in which punishment has been meted out for the mistreatment of or outrages against prisoners of war, civilian internees and native inhabitants.
- a. With respect to outrages against native inhabitants (in occupied areas), the most strict supervision was exercised for the enforcement of military discipline, but unfortunately considerable offenses were committed.

Regarding our punishment of these offenders investigation is at present under way.

b. With respect to the mistreatment of prisoners of war and civilian internees investigation is now being made with the utmost effort. Although due to the general confusion following the termination of the war and the interruption of communications the desired data are still unobtainable, it is assumed that a considerable number of offenders have been duly punished. The only cases reported up to the present moment are as follows:

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- (1) Captain Hideji Noguchi, commanding officer of the 7th (kanchana Buri) unit of the Prisoners of War Camp in Siam, was sentenced to court martial on August 21 to three years imprisonment for having locked up a British Army officer, Captain Witcham Drower (spelling uncertain), and reducing his food ration.
- (2) For the mistreatment of prisoners of war in the Siam-Burma border region, army lieutenant Fujii and others were punished by suspension of their duties.
- 2. Regarding the question whether His Majesty knew of the plan to attack Pearl Harbor before the attack was made:

Although His Majesty had heard from the Naval Chief of Staff of the general outline of the operations, he had not been informed of the details of their execution. Furthermore, it was His Majesty's understanding that in executing the operations the Government of the United States would be duly notified prior to the commencement of armed action.

3. Regarding the question as to what time His Majesty signed the Imperial Rescript:

His Majesty affixed his signature to the Imperial Rescript at 11:30 a.m., 8 December 1941, Tokyo time.

CERTIFICATE

I, Teruhiko OTA, hereby certify that I served as one of the private secretaries to Premier Higashi-kuni in October, 1945, and that on or about 8 October 1945, I signed a letter written in English which was to be delivered to the GHQ public relations officer in answer to several questions asked of Prince Higashi-kuni by the Allied press on 18 September 1945.

I further certify that the attached document is to the best of my memory identical with the above mentioned letter and that the answer to question number two concerning the Emperor's knowledge of the plan to attack Pearl Harbor as written in the attached document is exactly as was written in the letter I signed.

/s/ Teruhiko OTA

Witnesses: Richard H. LARSH Investigator, IPS SEAL

Steve S. YAMAMOTO Capt., Infantry

28 November 1947